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FOR BECSKEHAZY FROM KORDEK

1. WHITE HOUSE RELEASED TODAY THE FOLLOWING PROCLAMATION FOR PULASKI DAY: BEGIN TEXT. "THE WHITE HOUSE, GENERAL PULASKI'S MEMORIAL DAY, 1974 BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA A PROCLAMATION,

ON OCTOBER 11, 1974, WE WILL HONOR THE 195TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEATH OF CASIMIR PULASKI, THE SELFLESS PATRIOT WHO FOUGHT COURAGEOUSLY FOR THE CAUSE OF FREEDOM BOTH IN POLAND AND IN AMERICA. IT WAS ON OCTOBER 11, 1779, THAT PULASKI GAVE HIS LIFE FOR OUR YOUNG REPUBLIC, FATALLY WOUNDED WHILE LEADING A CAVALRY CHARGE IN THE BATTLE OF SAVANNAH.

TODAY, WE PAY GRATEFUL TRIBUTE TO THE HEROIC SACRIFICE OF CASIMIR PULASKI. AND AS WE DO SO, WE ALSO PAY TRIBUTE TO ALL UNCLASSIFIED

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AMERICANS OF POLISH ANCESTRY WHOSE TALENTS, ENERGIES, AND

DEVOTION TO FREEDOM HAVE CONTRIBUTED GREATLY TO THE GROWTH
OF THIS NATION SINCE THE EARLIEST DAYS.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GERALD R. FORD, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED
STATES OF AMERICA, DO HEREBY DESIGNATE FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11, 1974,
AS GENERAL PULASKI'S MEMORIAL DAY AND I DIRECT THE APPROPRIATE
GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS TO DISPLAY THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES ON
ALL GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS ON THAT DAY.

I ALSO INVITE THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES TO OBSERVE
THE DAY WITH APPROPRIATE CEREMONIES IN HONOR OF THE MEMORY OF
GENERAL PULASKI AND HIS DEDICATION TO THE DEFENSE OF LIBERTY.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND THIS TENTH
DAY OF OCTOBER, IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-FOUR, AND OF THE INDEPENDENCE OF THE UNITED STATES OF
AMERICA THE ONE HUNDRED NINETY-NINTH. GERALD R. FORD END TEXT.

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